

Appl. No. 08/986,186

Attorney Docket No. C020-P2C

REMARKS/INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Attorneys for Applicants would like to thank Examiner Brusca for the courtesies extended during telephone discussion on June 17, 2004 regarding proposed amendments to the pending claims.

During the interview, Applicant proposed to cancel claims 27, 28 and 29, which were rejected on the ground of double patenting, and to rewrite the objected claims, which are dependent upon these three claims, in independent form. Applicant proposed to combine claims 27, 28 and 29, delete redundant language in these three claims, and use the combined language as the preamble of the claims that need to be rewritten. The Examiner kindly agreed to Applicants' proposal and stated that the previously objected claims would be allowable if amended in accordance with the proposal.

Claims 27-34, 36-41, 43-46, 48-59, 61-64 and 66-69 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 44-46, 48-50, 57-59, 61-64 and 66-69 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants have canceled claims 27-29 without prejudice; however, they reserve their right to prosecute the subject matter of any canceled claim in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications. Claims 30-34, 36, 43 and 51-53 have been rewritten in independent form to address the objections in the Final Office Action and the agreement reached during the phone interview. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 37-41 and 54-56 are dependent upon claims other than previously rejected ones (canceled); therefore, no amendments have been made to these claims.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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